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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20054

Re: Ex Parte – Consolidated Application of EchoStar Communications Corporation,  
General Motors Corporation, and Hughes Electronics Corporation for Authority to  
Transfer Control, CS Docket No. 01-348

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, and Public Notice DA 01-3005 (released December 21, 2001), World Satellite Network, Inc. ("WSNet") submits this letter to disclose a telephone conference call that representatives of WSNet had with FCC staff. On September 18, 2002, Amy Mehlman and I, Jared Abbruzzese, held a telephone conference call with Catherine Crutcher Bohigian (Legal Advisor on Media Issues to Commissioner Martin) to discuss the proposed EchoStar-DirecTV merger.

During the call, WSNet reemphasized its comments previously submitted in the above-referenced proceeding regarding the detrimental impact the proposed merger would have on consumers in smaller markets and rural areas should the transfer of control be approved. Such consumers will lack a choice of multi-channel video programmers because the combined company will have a monopoly over DBS services. Therefore, if the transfer of control is approved, it should contain conditions that would ensure competition and comprehensive programming in these markets.

Should you have any questions with respect to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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